



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 26, 2026, 10:00 am

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

***Congregational Introit:**

"Come In, Come In and Sit Down"

VU #395

Refrain:

**Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.**

**We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.**

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity Christ Candles

We gather as people committed to Jesus' words of caring
and serving all.

**We light the Outreach Candle to reflect your
goodness and spirit amongst us.**

We gather as people who cherish and love our great
diversity of life.

**We light the Unity Candle, as love's flame burns
within each of us for a world where all people are
cherished.**

We gather as people open to follow Christ's way.

The embracing glow of the Christ Candle gives us hope in Jesus' promise to rejoice and be glad in a life abundant.

Recognition of the Land

Opening Prayer: An Affirmation of Hope (unison) VU #656

**We affirm our hope that a new day
is dawning upon us.**

**We affirm our vision of a new heaven and a new
earth.**

**We affirm our belief that the love of God
which is greater than all understanding
has the power to unite us
to participate in the creation of a new world.**

**We affirm the hope that turns suffering into
a creative process.**

**We affirm the hope that enables us to act.
God we hope: help us to hope together!**

Welcome

**May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.**

Centring Music

***Hymn:** "This is the Day" VU #412

**This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God.

You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day

that our God has made.

Listening

Learning With Our Children

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** "I've Got Peace Like a River"

VU #577

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.

I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

Mission and Service

Scripture:

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music:

offered by Thea Burton

Message: What's This All About?

Rev. Thelma MacDonald

*** Hymn:** “My Love Colours Outside the Lines” MV #138

My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places where I've never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water
if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones
if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've never

been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

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Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory Hymn:** “What Can I Do?” MV #191

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

*** Offertory Prayer: (in unison)**

**Loving God, bless the gifts that have been given
this morning.
We give them with gratitude and thanksgiving.
Use them for the continued work of Your ministry
here at Orchard Valley.**

**Use them in mission and to help those in need.
Be glorified, we pray. In Jesus' Name. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Work of the Congregation

*** Hymn:** "I Have Called You by Your Name" MV #161

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are
true. You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can
claim, offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of
doubt, hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded
children
whole; go and tell my precious people they are mine.

*** Commissioning / Extinguishing the Candles**

***A Prayer for the Reign of Christ: (in unison)**

VU #214

**Mighty and tender God,
voice of the voiceless,
power of the powerless:
we praise you for your vision
of a community of wholeness,
a realm of peace,
in which all who hunger and thirst are nourished,
in which the stranger is welcomed,
the hurting are healed, and the captive set free.
Guide us by your truth and love,
until we and all your people
make manifest your reign of justice and compassion.
We pray in the name of your anointed one,
our servant-king,
to whom with you and the Spirit,
one Holy God, be honour, glory and blessing
this day and forever. Amen**

*** Benediction**

*** Sung Benediction:**

“Amen”

VU #967

Postlude